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SUBJECT: VISIT OF C.G. METZNER, SCIENCE ATTACHE AND DHEW
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1. PROPOSED VISIT COMES BEFORE AND DURING RELIGIOUS
FESTIVITIES OF EID-UL-FITR. EMBASSY SUGGEST METZNER VISIT
FIRST WEEK OCTOBER WHEN VISIT COULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE. PLEASE
ADVISE NEW DATES ASAP.

2. WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF FIVE-YEAR MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
PREPARED BY PMRC, EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FOLLOWING LIST OF
REARRANGED PRIORITIES: 1. LIVER DISEASES- VIRAL HEPATITIS,
CIRRHOSIS AND CHRONIC HEPATITIS, 2. CHOLCLITHIASIS 3. UROL-
ITHIASIS, 4. DIABETES MELLITIS 5. HYPERTENSION 6. HEART
DISEASES-ISCHAEMIC 7. IRON STATUS IN DIFFERENT
POPULATION GROUP 8. STUDIES OF IRON ABSORPTION FROM
INDIGENOUS DIETS 9. VITAMIN A LEVELS IN NORMAL PERSONS
OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUP 10. PROTEIN CALORIE MALNUTRITION,
11. MALABSORPTION 12. GASTRO INTESTINAL 13. TUBER-
CULOSIS- VARIOUS ASPECTS INCLUDING BACTERIAL STUDY,
14. PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS IN HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT AND
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THEIR RESISTANCE TO ANTIBIOTICS.

3. GOP HEALTH MINISTRY PROPOSES TO INVITE EVERY YEAR RESEARCH PROPOSALS IN THE ABOVE CITED PRIORITY AREAS THROUGH NEWSPAPER ADS FROM RESEARCHERS WORKING IN PAKISTAN'S MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS. ANNUAL EXERCISE WILL BEGIN WITH PUBLICATION OF ADS IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, BY DECEMBER SCREENING OF PROPOSALS WILL BE COMPLETED. DEPENDING ON AREAS OF INTEREST INDICATED BY VARIOUS DHEW AGENCIES, HEALTH MINISTRY WILL FORWARD THROUGH EMBASSY RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR AGENCIES' REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION IN JANUARY WITH EXPECTATION OF RESPONSE FROM DHEW IN FEBRUARY-MARCH. AFTER REVIEW OF PRIORITIES EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INDICATION OF INTEREST AREAS OF DIFFERENT DHEW AGENCIES.

4. WHILE DETAILS OF PROPOSED MEDICAL TEACHERS' CONVENTION ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT BY THE GOP HEALTH MINISTRY. EMBASSY UNDERSTAND THAT CONVENTION WILL BE HELD WITH WHO ASSISTANCE FROM NOVEMBER 18 TO 20, 1976 AT LAHORE. TEAM OF WHO CONSULTANTS ON MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TEACHERS FROM PAKISTANI MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS WILL PARTICIPATE. HEALTH MINISTRY IS CONSIDERING ONE SEPARATE SESSION DURING CONVENTION OF PAKISTANI TEACHERS WITH DHEW/OHD/RSA REPRESENTATIVE. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE WHEN TIME AND DATE OF THIS SESSION ARE FINALIZED BY HEALTH MINISTRY.
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